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## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA Richmond Division

IN RE:	)	Chapter 11
CIRCUIT CITY STORES, INC.	)	Case No. 08-35653-KRH
Debtor.	)	
	)	

## 546(b) NOTICE OF LIEN IN LIEU OF COMMENCEMENT OF STATUTORY LIEN ACTION

TO: CIRCUIT CITY STORES, INC., DEBTOR HEREIN, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES ENTITLED TO NOTICE PURSUANT TO THE ORDER ESTABLISHING ADMINISTRATIVE AND NOTICE PROCEDURES:

COMES NOW US SIGNS, INC. (hereinafter "US Signs"), by counsel, and HEREBY GIVES NOTICE to Debtor Circuit City Stores, Inc. (hereinafter "Circuit" or "Debtor"), and to all other parties in interest, pursuant to Section 546(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, 11 USC §§ 101, et seq., in lieu of commencing civil action in the states courts of Alabama, Georgia, Texas, New York, Virginia, Florida and Kansas to enforce US Signs' statutory liens. In support of this notice, US Signs states as follows:

- 1. US Signs is a Texas corporation engaged in business as a national full service sign company.
- 2. Circuit is engaged in business in the Commonwealth of Virginia as an electronics retailer.
- 3. Circuit entered into an open account agreement with US Signs (hereinafter referred to as "the Contract") whereby US Signs agreed to manufacture, supply and install signs for Circuit and Circuit agreed to pay for said labor or materials (hereinafter referred to as the "Work") necessary to construct signs at various Circuit City retail store locations throughout the country (hereinafter referred to as the "Projects").
- 4. Pursuant to the Contract, US Signs provided substantial Work which was incorporated into the Projects and added substantial value thereto.
- Circuit breached the Contract by failing or refusing to pay a balance due to US Signs for Work supplied to Circuit.
- 6. Circuit filed its Bankruptcy Petition under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in this Court on or about November 10, 2008 ("Petition Date").
- 7. As of the Petition Date, US Signs was owed in the following amounts by Circuit on the Projects:

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Circuit City Retail Store Number	Store Location	Amount of Claim
4227	Spanish Fort, AL	\$52,614.80
3885	Macon, GA	\$28,804.36
1624	College Station, TX	\$1,715.76
3809	Mansfield, TX	26,395.48
3810	Harlingen, TX	\$5,480.10
4237	Houston, TX	\$27,534.18
4323	Brooklyn, NY	\$34,929.26
4321	Richmond, VA	\$3,000
4276	Port St. Lucie, FL	\$7,846.75
4232	Fort Myers, FL	\$18,223.68
4275	Bradenton, FL	\$5,610.00
4141	Homestead, FL	\$24,441.81
4201	Melbourne, FL	\$695.36
4220	Merriam, KS	\$34,866.69

- 8. The respective debts are secured by liens on the underlying properties and Circuit's leasehold interests therein pursuant to: Alabama Code §§ 35-11-210 et seq., Georgia Code §§ 44-14-360 et seq., Chapter 53 of the Property Code of Texas, New York CLS Lien Law §§ 3 et seq., Virginia Code §§ 43-1 et seq., Florida Statutes §§ 713.001 et seq., and Kansas Statutes §§ 60-1101 et seq.
- 9. In order to continue US Signs' statutory mechanics' liens on the subject properties, US Signs caused claims of liens to be filed on the Projects as follows ("Claims of Liens"):

Circuit City Retail Store Number	Store Location	Lien Amount
4227	Spanish Fort, AL	\$52,614.80
3885	Macon, GA	\$28,804.36
1624	College Station, TX	\$1,715.76
3809	Mansfield, TX	26,395.48
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10. True and accurate copies of the Claims of Liens recorded on the respective properties are attached hereto as follows:

Exhibit A: Lien on Spanish Fort, AL property;
Exhibit B: Lien on Macon, GA property;
Exhibit C: Lien on College Station, TX property;
Exhibit D: Lien on Mansfield, TX property;
Exhibit E: Lien on Harlingen, TX property;
Exhibit F: Lien on Houston, TX property;
Exhibit G: Lien on Brooklyn, NY property;
Exhibit H: Lien on Richmond, VA property;
Exhibit I: Lien on Port St. Lucie, FL property;
Exhibit J: Lien on Fort Myers, FL property;
Exhibit K: Lien on Bradenton, FL property;
Exhibit L: Lien on Homestead, FL property;
Exhibit M: Lien on Melbourne, FL property;
Exhibit N: Lien on Merriam, KS property;

- 11. The Claims of Liens were timely filed and notices of each were timely given to necessary parties pursuant to the laws of each respective state.
- 12. No foreclosure or enforcement actions concerning the Claims of Liens have been commenced and the time fixed by the laws of each respective state to commence such action has not yet expired.
- 13. To the extent applicable state law requires US Signs to take further action to perfect its Claims of Liens upon the Projects, US Signs recognizes that it may be stayed from commencing such action pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 362. Accordingly, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 546(b), and for the purpose of perfecting US Signs' Lien interests, to the extent that such interest has not been duly perfected previously, US Signs hereby gives notice to Circuit and all parties in interest that US Signs has a valid, secured Lien interest in the Projects reference herein.
  - 14. This notice is being filed in lieu of commencing civil enforcement and/or

foreclosure actions in the courts of each respective state on US Signs' Claims of Liens. All conditions precedent for such actions on US Signs' Claims of Lien have been performed.

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing 546(b) Notice of Lien in Lieu of Commencement of Statutory Lien Action was sent via first class mail, postage prepaid, to the following on this, the 28 day of January 2009:

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